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INTERCHANGEABLE BARREL SECTIONS AND IMPROVED ACTUATION
CYLINDER CONSTRUCTION
Examiner: CHAMBERS, TROY Group: 3641

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed February 9, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute with traverse Species B, directed to a gas-operated gun having a barrel defined by a breech end and a muzzle end (i.e., no plurality of interchangeable muzzle sections) with claims 9, 10 and 14 readable thereon.

Based on the restriction requirement, Applicant lists inventions readable thereon as follows:

Species A : directed to a gas-operated gun having a barrel having a breech section defined by a breech front portion and a breech rear portion and a plurality of demountable and interchangeable muzzle sections for claims 1-8 and 11-13.

Species B : directed to a gas-operated gun having a barrel defined by a breech end and a muzzle end (i.e., no plurality of interchangeable muzzle sections) for claims 9, 10 and 14.

Applicant agrees the subject invention covers different inventions. However, applicant disagrees with the restriction for other reasons.

A policy consideration behind a restriction requirement would suggest that separate inventions exist that inherently would include separate prior art searches, examinations, examiners, etc.

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The examiner has not stated that separate searches and separate examiners and separate art units are necessary to examine these inventions.


Further, multiple examinations on these inventions would be repetitive and excessive. Separate prosecution can create an unnecessary financial burden for both the Applicant and the Patent Office. If both of the Species, can be searched by the same art unit and further by the same examiner, then having different examiners conduct separate searches and examinations would create an undue time and financial burden on both the patent office and on the applicant.

For these reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In reference to the restriction requirement, Applicant again wishes to make their election to prosecute the Species B, directed to a gas-operated gun having a barrel defined by a breech end and a muzzle end (i.e., no plurality of interchangeable muzzle sections) for claims 9, 10 and 14 with traverse. If further restrictions are merited, please let us know.

Thus, for the above reasons, the restriction requirement is not proper and Applicant respectfully requests removal of the restriction requirement.

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